

# **FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Minutes filed by Kathryn Verrochi as Acting Secretary on Behalf of the Authority Members of actions taken at the Open Session of the Eleventh meeting of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority, held at Eatontown Municipal Building, 47 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724 at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

## **Present:**

Vice Chairperson and State Commerce Commission Secretary and CEO Virginia Bauer  
Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian Burry  
Public Member Laurie Cannon  
Oceanport Mayor Lucille Chaump  
Public Member Joseph Colfer  
Public Member Rosemarie Estephan  
Tinton Falls Mayor Peter Maclearie  
Garrison Commander Col. Ricki Sullivan  
Eatontown Mayor Gerry Tarantolo

Absent: Chairperson and Public Member Dr. Robert Lucky had previously advised the Authority.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Bauer, and she called upon Acting Secretary Verrochi to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Open Session was convened at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Acting Chair Bauer suggested moving Item 0702:01 Selection of Authority Accountant to immediately following the Executive Director's report, due to an Authority member having to leave early. The Agenda was then presented for approval. Mayor Tarantolo moved for the approval of the agenda, Mayor Macclearie seconded the motion and the agenda as revised was unanimously approved.

## **Elected Officials Comments:**

None were offered, but the Chair noted the attendance of a member of the staff of U.S. Representative Frank Pallone.

## **Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

- 1) Ms. Julie Fees-Mahedy of Wall suggested upgrading and keeping the Veterans Clinic Open.
- 2) Mr. Tom Mahedy of Wall expressed a variety of concerns regarding the Veterans, the ADC Winter Forum, the DoD Advisory Committee and Tech Preserve.
- 3) Jennie Jeannette Mistretta of Freehold expressed concern for the Veterans, their N.O.I. and our duty to donate land to them.

Public Member Rosemarie Estephan and Garrison Commander Col. Ricki Sullivan arrived at this time.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the January 17, 2007 Open Session (no Executive Session was held) were moved by Public Member Joseph Colfer, seconded by Tinton Falls Mayor Peter Maclearie and unanimously approved.

## **Chair's Report:**

Acting Chair Bauer relayed the following on behalf of Chair Robert Lucky.

- Chair Lucky and Executive Director Cosentino met with the FBI Assistant Director Tom Ford and the FBI confirmed no interest in staying. Executive Director Cosentino added that there were, however, no imminent plans for departure. FBI will monitor reuse plan development and update their plans in mid 2008.

- A reminder was given that the N.O.I. deadline for PBC and the Homeless is March 8.

- The Department of Labor & Workforce Development and New Jersey Commerce, Economic Growth & Tourism Commission will be hosting a BRAC Information Session that will be taking place on Thursday, March 1 at 5:30pm at Brookdale Community College.

## **Executive Director's Report:**

Executive Director Cosentino provided an update of activities since the last meeting:

- Travel: ADC Winter Forum: February 4-6 and Fort Ord Visit: February 8-9 ('93 – '95 BRAC)

- Future Visits with Board Members: Bayonne and Philadelphia Naval Shipyard

- Public Input: 10 Advisory Committees intended to focus on specific areas; "Ask FMERPA"; Board Meetings; Tours/Follow-up; establishment of Public Input Advisory Committee

- Advisory Committee Process: general responsibilities and specific responsibilities were cited.

- Tour Update: Deputy Director Harrison discussed the pre-meetings at FMERPA offices to coordinate efforts. He listed the public tours and specific focus tours that have taken place since the last meeting.

- RFP Status:

Master Planner – RFP Committee Review February 22

Advertise Nationwide February 26 – 27\*

Bidders Conference (Mandatory) March 13 – National Guard Training Facility Center

Final Submittal 12:00 (Noon) March 26

Selection (NLT) April 17

Introduce @ FMERPA April 18

BRAC Attorney – Commences Week of February 26

\*subject to RFP Committee approval

The following Agenda item was then presented.

## **0702-01: Selection of Authority Accountant**

This action is to meet the statutory requirement of Section 8 of the Act to hire and retain employees, including the appointment of an Account. Mayor Tarantolo moved the resolution to appoint Beverlee M. Akerblom of Shrewsbury as Accountant, Public Member Joseph Colfer seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

**ADC Winter Forum:**

Executive Director Cosentino and Deputy Director Harrison discussed the meetings they attended with State Advisor Ellen Stein. They included Boot Camp, an Executive Director/Deputy Director meeting, a Military Service Briefing meeting, a Strategic Teaming meeting and a Redevelopment Tour.

**Monmouth County's N.O.I. Submissions:**

Freeholder Burry discussed the following NOI submissions:

- NOI for the Homeless from County of Monmouth, Department of Human Services, presented by Lynn F. Miller, Director
- NOI by the County of Monmouth, PBC of Surplus Property for Park and Recreation Purposes, point of contact: Secretary-Director, Monmouth County Park System
- NOI by the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management, prepared by Harry Conover, Coordinator
- NOI by the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management – Emergency Medical Services Division, Monmouth County Emergency Medical Services – Training Academy, Monmouth County Emergency Medical Services Warehouse, Host Site for New Jersey EMS Task Force, Prepared by Michael J. Bascom, CEM, CHS IV, EMS Chief/EMS Coordinator and support from Two Rivers Council of Mayors
- NOI by Brookdale Community College

**Advisory Committee Chairs Reports:**

The Chair updates were as follows:

- Freeholder Burry, Veterans Affairs, second meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 23 at 2pm at the Hall of Records, Freeholders Conference Room.
- Public Member Cannon, Environmental, first meeting to be scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March, outreach for members.
- Mayor Chaump, Historical, first meeting to be determined, has Oceanport Public Member and Eatontown Public Member, outreach for members.
- Public Member Colfer, Transportation, first meeting to be determined, outreach for members.
- Acting Chair Bauer, Commercial Industry, met regarding Governor's Economic Initiative.
- Public Member Estephan, Social Services, subcommittee has met several times. Noted several county and social service organization meetings she has attended in the last month.
- Mayor Maclearie, Infrastructure, first meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26 at 7pm at the FMERPA office.
- Mayor Tarantolo, Emergency Services, first meeting to be determined, has added members, outreach for public members.

Mayor Maclearie left the meeting at 8:25pm as he previously advised the board.

Garrison Commander Col. Sullivan indicated he was moving forward with his DoD Restoration Advisory Board committee which will meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.

**Tech Preserve Business Case Analysis:**

State Advisor Ellen Stein stated a state grant will be offered to provide partial funding for this workforce retention effort's business case analysis.

**Public Comments Not on Agenda:**

- 1) Mr. Patrick McDonald of Spring Lake advocated for affordable housing. He raised a question as to the nature of the Patriot's Alliance (PA) and its relationship to FMERPA. Mayor Tarantolo explained that PA was formed to prevent the Fort closure. It still exists, but has no formal relationship to FMERPA.
- 2) Mr. Michael Ring of Wall advocated for affordable housing.
- 3) Ms. Margaret Rice Moir of Fair Haven asked for humane problem solving and advocated for affordable housing, day care centers, medical facilities, green space and facilities for soldiers.
- 4) Ms. Julie Fees-Mahedy of Wall advocated for affordable housing.
- 5) Mr. Tom Mahedy of Wall expressed concern of Tech Preserve and the NOI process for non-profits. He gave the board 'Yes' magazine, '2006 National Green Pages' magazine and 'The Awakening Universe' to review.
- 6) Ms. Susie Racziewicz of Oakhurst deferred her time to Mr. Tom Mahedy.

Acting Chair Bauer noted that the Authority's next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2007 at the Maple Place School, Oceanport.

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Freeholder Burry, seconded by Mayor Tarantolo and unanimously adopted at 9:05 p.m.